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# PORT OF FOLKESTONE.

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## ANNUAL REPORT

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PORT OF FOLKESTONE.

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FOLKESTONE.

March, 1963.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors  
of the Borough and Port of Folkestone.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit the Annual Report on the medical aspect of  
the working of the Port of Folkestone for 1962.

During the year the regular boat services have been as  
follows:-

(1) Folkestone - Calais.

(a) Daily passenger service by French steamer,  
Cote D'Azur and reliefs by British Railways  
steamer from 1st January to 31st December, 1962.

(2) Folkestone-Boulogne. (British Railways steamers).

(a) Daily evening passenger service from 27th May to  
29th September, 1962 inclusive.

(b) Daily morning passenger service from 6th July to  
9th September, 1962 inclusive. An irregular  
service was in force from 27th May until the  
commencement of the daily service and also  
during the period 12th to 30th September, 1962.

On seven occasions during the year, four because of the rough  
weather, two when alterations were being carried out to the  
Folkestone Harbour and on one day because of a rail strike in  
England, the passenger boats were diverted to Dover. The Harbour  
was closed on Christmas Day and on two other days the service was  
cancelled. In view of the heavy seas the boats scheduled to go to  
Dover were diverted to Folkestone on two days.

Special excursion and "no-passport" trips were also run to  
France during the summer season.

The usual cargo service was maintained to and from Calais  
and Boulogne.

The number of arriving vessels carrying aliens was 774 (730  
passenger and 44 cargo boats) and showed a decrease of 8 compared  
with 1961.

The number of passengers passing through the Port during the  
year was 881,104; this was 17,842 less than in 1961 and showed an  
increase in the number of outward passengers but a decrease in the  
inward traffic.

The gross figures of passengers arriving at and departing from  
Folkestone for the past five years are:-

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>
Inwards ..	380,127	435,643	437,992	476,304	449,542
Outwards ..	345,376	406,969	397,276	422,642	431,562
<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>725,503</u>	<u>842,612</u>	<u>835,268</u>	<u>898,946</u>	<u>881,104</u>

There was a rise in the number of aliens arriving - 3,969 more than in 1961 - but 3,022 fewer aliens were medically examined.

A summary of the aliens arriving, medically examined, certificates issued, etc., during the past five years is given below:-

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>
Aliens arriving	..84,936	94,748	99,985	111,485	115,454
Aliens medically examined	.. .. 9,190	9,554	12,091	13,315	10,293
Certificates issued	169	178	184	206	191
Percentage of Aliens examined to whom certificates issued	.. .. 1.84	1.86	1.52	1.55	1.85

The aliens continued to come mainly from Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, Austria and Germany.

The men were mainly for employment as labourers (especially agricultural) and to work in hotels and the catering trade. The women came as domestics, children's nurses and governesses, assistant hospital nurses, ward orderlies, textile, canning and factory workers; also included were the families coming to join aliens already working in the United Kingdom.

During last year the number of certificates issued on Form Port 12 was 191 compared with 206 in 1961. Of the 37 aliens not permitted to land 4 were of unsound mind or mentally defective, 5 undesirable for medical reasons, 5 because of their inability to support themselves and 22 likely to require medical treatment; a certificate was also issued under Part C of Form Port 12 but the alien concerned not allowed to land by the Immigration authorities.

Of the 191 certificates issued 24 were in respect of pregnancy, 21 for impetigo and dermatitis, 15 for post-operative sequelae, 13 for eye defects, 13 for congenital defects, 8 for hernia, 5 for unsound mind or mental defect and the remaining 92 for a wide variety of medical conditions.

The Commonwealth Immigrants Act 1962 came into force on July 1st, and between this date and December 31st a total of 455 Commonwealth Immigrants were referred for medical examination. Of this total two immigrants, one a Canadian and the other a Cypriot, were not allowed to land for medical reasons.

The nationalities of these were as under:-

Indians and Pakistanis	..	89
West Indians	.. ..	84
Anglo-Indians	.. ..	81
Ceylonese	.. ..	38
Australian	.. ..	32
Chinese (Hong-Kong)	..	32
Mauritians	.. ..	22
Cypriots	.. ..	20
Other Nationals, etc.	..	57
		<u>455</u>



A total of 7 Forms Port 23 were issued in respect of Commonwealth Immigrants.

Arrangements are in hand for the improvement of facilities for medical inspections both of Aliens and Commonwealth Immigrants at the Harbour, and it is anticipated that work will shortly commence on the construction of properly equipped medical inspection rooms adjacent to No. 1 berth.

Following notification from the Ministry of Health of imported cases of Smallpox from Pakistan arrangements were made for the examination of all travellers coming from an infected area; it was not found necessary to vaccinate any of the travellers but 55 were placed under surveillance. Vaccination was made available to all those whose work might lead to exposure to possible infection.

Seventeen passengers were examined and given treatment as necessary. Three of the six accident cases and a woman suffering from severe pain following recent operation for gall-stones were conveyed by ambulance to the local hospital. An Italian woman aged 23 suffering from Tonsillitis and cervical adenitis, and an Indian student of 26 later confirmed as suffering from febrile catarrh were both admitted to the Dover Isolation Hospital. A male passenger aged 20, suspected as suffering from Tetanus, was admitted to the Buckland Hospital, Dover and later transferred to the Brook Hospital, Woolwich; the provisional diagnosis was subsequently confirmed.

Sixteen members of the ships' crews and port staff were also seen and referred to their own family doctor for treatment as considered necessary. Three were confirmed as suffering from German Measles, two from suspected German Measles, 3 with skin conditions, 2 with minor injuries and six from various medical conditions.

In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation of the efficient work carried out by the Medical and Nursing staff at the Harbour, and also to the unfailing and effective co-operation with us of the Immigration Officials, Customs Officials, British Railways Officials and Ships' staff.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

R.F.H. McELLIGOTT,

Port Medical Officer.

SECTION I - Staff.

Table A.

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Date of Resignation.	Qualifications.	Any other appointments held.
R.F.H. McElligott.	Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer.	29.12.50.	-	M.B., Ch.B.	Medical Inspector of Aliens. (Part-time).
L.H. Vale.	Chief Public Health Inspector for Borough and Port. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937-1948.	-1.10.49.	-	*F.R.S.H., F.A.P.H.I., Cert.S.I.B.	-
L.F. Pattnan.	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector for Borough and Port. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937-1948.	-5.11.28.	-	*A.R.S.H., Cert.R.S.H.	-
A. Stubbs.	Additional Port Health Inspector. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937-1948.	-1. 2.45.	-	*Cert.S.I.B.)	Additional Public Health Inspectors for the Borough of Folkestone.
S. Davey.	- ditto -	-1.12.55.	-3.5.62.	*Cert.S.I.B.)	
S.W. Couling.	- ditto -	-6.10.58.	-	*Cert.S.I.B.) M.A.P.H.I.	
C.E. Thomsett.	-	-3.10.62.	-	Cert.P.H.I., M.A.P.H.I.	Public Health Inspector. (Temporary).

\* Also holds Royal Society of Health Certificate as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.

Address and telephone number of  
the Medical Officer of Health  
and Port Medical Officer.

Public Health Department, Old Harvey Grammar School,  
Foord Road, Folkestone, Kent. (Tel. No: Folkestone 52463).  
Medical Inspection Room, Folkestone Harbour,  
Folkestone, Kent. (Tel. No: Folkestone 51512).

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

Table B.

Ships from:	Number of Arrivals.	Tonnage.	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Public Health Inspector.	
Foreign Ports ..	912	1,074,861	-	14	4
Coastwise	35	40,022	-	-	-
TOTAL:	947	1,114,883	-	14	4

Total number of inspections - 616.

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

Table C.

Passenger Traffic ..	{	Number of Passengers - INWARDS: 449,542
	{	Number of Passengers - OUTWARDS: 431,562
Cargo Traffic ..	{	Principal IMPORTS - Wines and spirits, woollens and cotton goods, government stores and chemicals.
	{	Principal EXPORTS - Machinery, government stores, fish, iron and steel.
Principal Ports from which ships arrive - Calais and Boulogne.		

SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic.

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic.

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SECTION V - Water Supply.

No change of supply occurred during the year. Drinking water tanks on board the vessels using the harbour are filled from hydrants on the quayside which are connected to the town supply, viz., Folkestone Waterworks Company.

Routine samples have been submitted for bacterial examination during the year. An adverse sample was received from one of the vessels during August and emergency sterilization of the tanks and pipe lines on board the ship was carried out. Check samples taken over a prolonged period were not always entirely satisfactory and sterilization treatment was continued until the vessel was finally taken out of service, when a detailed examination of the water supply system was planned in conjunction with the normal overhaul.



SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships)  
Regulations 1952 and 1954.

No change during the year.

SECTION VII - Smallpox.

Following notification from the Ministry of Health of imported cases of Smallpox from Pakistan arrangements were immediately made for the examination of all travellers known to have originated from an infected area, or spending a night there during the 14 days preceding entry to this country. It was not found necessary to vaccinate any travellers on arrival at Folkestone Harbour although 55 were placed under surveillance and notifications sent to the Medical Officers of Health of the districts to which they were going.

Vaccination was made available at the Public Health Department, Folkestone, to all those whose work might lead to exposure to possible infection, and valuable co-operation was received from Dr. A.R. Ginn, Divisional Medical Officer of the British Railways, who vaccinated 162 members of the staff at the Folkestone Harbour.

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, Kent.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

Patients suffering from Smallpox would be removed by arrangement with the Canterbury City Ambulance Service, which authority is responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

- (3) Name of Smallpox Consultant available.

Dr. J.P. Marsden of River Hospitals, Joyce Green, Dartford, (telephone No: Dartford 23231 and home telephone No: Dartford 20443) is available as Smallpox Consultant for this area.

- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

At the laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service at Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone. (Telephone No: Maidstone 7239). Dr. A.L. Furniss is the Medical Director.

Also at the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, Colindale, London, N.W.9.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease.

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under the international arrangements, including in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

Clinics are available as follows:-

<u>ASHFORD:</u>	General Hosp., King's Ave.	Wed. 11.0 - 12 noon. Fri. 3.0 - 4.0 p.m.
<u>CANTERBURY:</u>	Kent and Canterbury Hosp.	Tues. 3.0 - 4.0 p.m.
<u>DOVER:</u>	Royal Victoria Hospital.	Tues. 9.30 - 10.30 a.m. Thur. 9.30 - 10.30 a.m. (Except 3rd Thursday of the month).
<u>MARGATE:</u>	General Hosp., St. Peter's Rd.	Fri. 11.0 - 12 noon.



SECTION VIII - contd.

In-patient treatment is available at these hospitals.

Dr. D.E. Sharvill is the Consultant Venereologist for this area.

Where necessary full information was supplied to seamen concerned and by arrangement with the British railways authorities posters giving the latest details of these clinics were exhibited in the public conveniences on the Folkestone Harbour.

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

Table D.

Category.	Disease.	Number of cases during the year.		Number of ships concerned.
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports .. .. .	Influenza	-	1	1
	Ger. Measles	-	3	2
	Tonsillitis	1	-	1
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival .. .. .	-	-	-	-

In March a youth aged 17, employed as a seaman on one of the cross-channel boats, was confirmed as suffering from German Measles and allowed to proceed to his own home.

On a second occasion seven members of a crew were examined at the request of the Captain of the ship concerned. Two were found to be suffering from German Measles, two from suspected German Measles, one from Influenza and the other two from a skin condition; five of the men were excluded from duty and referred to their own doctors.

A male passenger aged 20, suspected as suffering from Tetanus, was admitted to the Buckland Hospital at Dover and later transferred to the Brook Hospital, Woolwich. The provisional diagnosis was confirmed and information subsequently received that the patient was making satisfactory progress.

An Italian woman aged 23 found to be suffering from Tonsillitis and cervical adenitis, was admitted to the Dover Isolation Hospital for treatment.

A Commonwealth Immigrant from India, student aged 26 years, suffering from P.U.O. was admitted to the Dover Isolation Hospital for observation. It was later confirmed that he had febrile catarrh and allowed to land in the U.K. by the Immigration authorities.

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ships of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected cases of any such disease.

No action necessary during the year.

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships.

No cases occurred during the year.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No action necessary during the year.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Formal inspections carried out by Dover Health staff and amplified by local Port Health Inspectors during course of routine inspection of vessels.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Facilities exist for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents at the Public Health Laboratory Service, Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone. None of the rodents was sent for examination during 1962.

(3) Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Harbour district treated as necessary by Rodent Operators of the British Railways Southern Region and assistance given by the Borough Rodent Operator as required.

It has not been found necessary over the past few years for work of disinfestation to be carried out on ships visiting this Port. If, however, such work were necessary the ships would be treated with Hydrogen Cyanide by the Fumigation Services Ltd., Barking, Essex, under the direction of the Dover Port Health Inspectors.

(4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Not found necessary.

Tables "E" and "F" - NIL.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

None issued - Folkestone is not an approved port.

Certificates for vessels owned by the British Railways and using this port are issued by the Dover Port Health authority.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

Table G.

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections.		Notices served.		Result of serving Notices.
		Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	
General inspection of crews' quarters, food preparing places, etc.	234	-	-	-
TOTAL:	234	-	-	-



SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish)  
Regulations 1934 and 1948.

No change during the year.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens  
(applicable only to ports approved for the  
landing of aliens).

(1) List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of  
appointment.

Name.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.
R.F.H. McElligott .. ..	28.10.49.	M.B., Ch.B.
J. H. Campbell .. ..	16. 4.51.	M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.
H. Yates .. ..	-8.10.52.	M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
C. B. Findlay .. ..	28. 6.55.	M.B., Ch.B.
E. Mallett .. ..	21.10.60.	M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.Obst.R.C.O.G.
P. J. McGregor .. ..	29. 6.62.	M.B., B.Ch.

All the Medical Inspectors were employed on a part-time basis.

(2) List of other staff engaged on this work.

Name.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.
Mrs. L.F. Brann.	Nurse-Attendant (part-time).	-1.6.56.	S.E.A.N.

Three Assistant Nurse-Attendants were also available on a sessional basis to act as reliefs and assist when two or more were required to cope with the large number of aliens expected to arrive at the same time.

(3) Organisation of Work.

No change during the year.

(4) Nature and amount of aliens traffic.

A total of 10,293 aliens were examined during 1962; this is 3,022 less than in 1961.

A summary of their nationalities is as follows:-

	<u>1962.</u>	<u>1961.</u> (For comparison)
Italian .. ..	6,071	9,318
Swiss .. ..	1,648	1,413
Spanish .. ..	835	571
French .. ..	782	1,037
Austrian .. ..	299	385
German .. ..	230	308
Portuguese .. ..	122	102
Greek .. ..	90	23
Turkish .. ..	46	-
Chinese .. ..	22	11
Israeli .. ..	19	12
Danish .. ..	11	-
Other nationals .. ..	57	69
Stateless .. ..	61	66
<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>10,293</u>	<u>13,315</u>



SECTION XV (contd.)

(4) Nature and amount of aliens traffic (contd.)

Particulars of the number of aliens arriving, examined and certificates issued during 1962 are set out below:-

A. Total number of arriving vessels carrying aliens -									
(a)	Passenger	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	730.
(b)	Cargo	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44.
<u>TOTAL:</u>									774.

This total of 774 shows a decrease of 8 compared with the number of arriving vessels carrying aliens during 1961.

B. Total number of arriving aliens (excluding crews) 115,454.

C. Total number of aliens medically examined .. 10,293.

D. Reports and certificates for aliens medically examined:-

Nature of report or certificate.		Total number of reports and certificates issued.	Aliens NOT PERMITTED to land.
A.	Unsound mind or mentally defective	5	4
B(1).	Undesirable for medical reasons	5	5
B(2)(a).	Inability to support .. .. .	48	5
B(2)(b).	Likely to require medical treatment	131	22
C.	Conditionally landed for further medical examination .. .. .	2	1*
<u>TOTALS:</u>		191	37

\* Although certificate issued under Part C of Form Port 12 the Alien was not permitted to land by Immigration Officer.

E. Transmigrants landing and medically examined .. Nil.

(5) Accommodation for medical inspection and examination.

Arrangements are in hand for the improvement of facilities for medical inspections, both of aliens and Commonwealth immigrants, at the Harbour and it is anticipated that work will shortly commence on the construction of properly equipped medical inspection rooms adjacent to No. 1 Berth.

In the meantime medical inspections have continued to be carried out on board the vessels with the exception of the morning boat from Boulogne, during the summer season, when a small but inadequate room on the quayside was used.

Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962.

This Act came into force on the 1st July, 1962 and the six Medical Inspectors holding Warrants of Appointment under the Aliens Order 1953 were, on the 19th June 1962, issued with special Warrants for the medical examination of Commonwealth immigrants.

During the second half of the year a total of 10,286 Commonwealth citizens subject to control under the Act arrived at the harbour; of this number 455 were medically examined and a summary of their nationality is as follows:-

SECTION XV (contd.)

Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962 (contd.)

Indians and Pakistanis ..	89
West Indians .. ..	84
Anglo-Indians .. ..	81
Ceylonese .. ..	38
Australian .. ..	32
Chinese (Hong-Kong) ..	32
Mauritians .. ..	22
Cypriots .. ..	20
Other Nationals, etc. ..	57
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>455</u>

The number of reports and certificates issued for Commonwealth citizens medically examined was:-

Nature of report or certificate.		Number of reports or certificates issued.	Number of Commonwealth citizens refused entry.
A.	Suffering from mental disorder ..	-	-
B(1).	Undesirable for medical reasons ..	2	1
B(2).	Likely to require major medical treatment .. .. .	5	1
TOTALS:		7	2

One of the Commonwealth immigrants not allowed to land was a Canadian and the other was a Cypriot.

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

A mortuary and adequate burial and cremation facilities are available in the district.

SECTION XVII - Food Inspection.

Information supplied by L. H. Vale, Esq., Chief Public Health and Food Inspector for the Borough and Port of Folkestone.

(1) Visits to Port.

The Port Health Inspectors made 616 visits to the Harbour during the year for the purpose of routine inspection of passenger and cargo boats and for the examination of all foodstuffs landed at the Port. This work entails considerable evening and weekend duty, especially during the summer months, as all passenger boats are met on arrival by an Inspector. All the vessels which are regularly engaged on cross-channel traffic have been maintained in a very satisfactory condition.

SECTION XVII (contd.)

(2) Summary of Foodstuffs imported during 1962.

FOODSTUFF.	BOULOGNE.				CALAIS			
	Tons	Cwt.	Qr.	Lb.	Tons	Cwt.	Qr.	Lb.
Bacon .. ..	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-
Banana powder ..	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-
Beans, dried ..	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-
Biscuits .. ..	17	18	1	14	14	9	1	6
Bread sticks ..	-	7	2	4	-	-	-	-
Butter .. ..	3	2	2	6	-	-	-	-
Cheese .. ..	-	8	1	4	2	-	-	-
Chocolate .. ..	-	8	2	22	-	-	1	17
Confectionery ..	30	1	2	6	-	-	-	24
Farinaceous foodstuff	10	1	2	5	-	-	-	-
Fish .. ..	3	8	2	10	-	-	-	-
Flour .. ..	1	19	2	20	-	-	-	-
Foodstuffs, misc.	8	1	-	26	-	-	1	23
Fruit .. ..	-	2	2	17	-	-	-	-
Fruit juice .. ..	5	9	-	7	-	-	-	-
Fruit preserves ..	-	18	1	18	-	14	1	27
Fruit pulp .. ..	-	5	3	16	-	-	-	-
Grain .. ..	-	13	2	25	-	-	-	-
Herbs .. ..	-	-	2	14	-	-	-	-
Meat preserves ..	19	11	3	11	-	-	-	-
Meat sauce .. ..	37	2	2	6	-	-	-	-
Mustard .. ..	1	19	2	13	-	-	-	-
Olive oil .. ..	-	1	1	10	-	-	-	-
Saffron .. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
Soup powder .. ..	1	6	3	18	-	-	-	-
Syrup .. ..	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	-
Tomato preserves ..	-	1	3	4	-	-	-	-
Treacle .. ..	1	10	3	-	-	-	-	-
Truffles .. ..	-	10	-	19	-	-	-	-
Vegetables .. ..	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	146	3	-	8	17	5	2	14

GRAND TOTAL: 163 tons 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

(3) Foodstuffs condemned.

Nil.

(4) Number of Samples of Food examined by:-

(a) Bacteriologist .. Nil.

(b) Analyst (Chemical  
Examinations) .. 6.

Chemical Examination of Foodstuffs.

Sample No.	Nature of Sample.	Result of Analysis.	Remarks.
291.	Biscuits.	Sample consisted of sugar, apricot kernel paste, egg albumen. Free from toxic metals, arsenic and sulphite preservative.	Satisfactory.



SECTION XVII (contd.)

Chemical Examination of Foodstuffs (contd.)

Sample No.	Nature of Sample.	Result of Analysis.	Remarks.
300.	Soup Paste (Plasmon).	Soup containing animal and vegetable proteins. Free from toxic metals, arsenic and sulphite preservative.	List of ingredients printed in Italian only and contraventions of the Labelling of Food Order 1953 would arise if the products were displayed for retail sale in this country. Matter taken up with importers and labelling subsequently corrected.
328.	Super Soupe (Powder).	A powdered mixture for reconstituting into a minestrone type of soup. Free from toxic metals, arsenic and sulphite preservative.	An Italian product. Presence of a preservative was not declared as required by the Preservatives in Food Regs., 1962. Matter taken up with importers and labelling subsequently corrected.
329.	Macaroni Sauce.	Contained tomato juice, fresh assorted vegetables, olive oil, monosodium glutamate. Free from arsenic and toxic metals. Contained sulphite preservative.	Sample analysed in connection with rejection of foodstuffs under Public Health (Imported Food) Regs. 1937-1948 on grounds that it was a meat product without an official certificate. Analysis confirmed that food was properly categorised as a meat product.
330.	Macaroni Sauce with Ham. (Jar).	Contained ingredients stated on the label. The small amount of meat present was not readily identifiable as ham. Free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservative.	
331.	Macaroni Sauce with Meat. (Jar).	Contained ingredients stated on the label but the very small amount of meat which was present could not be readily identified.	

(5) Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937 and 1948.

During the year action was taken under the above Regulations as follows:-

- (a) Three consignments in one shipment consisting of 15 cases of various foodstuffs said to contain percentages of meat, arrived from Italy without "Official Certificates".

Formal notices forbidding removal of the foodstuffs were served. Information was received from the importers regarding the composition of one consignment of foodstuffs which made it possible to withdraw the notice and the consignment was accordingly released. The remaining two consignments were subsequently re-exported.

- (b) One case containing 48 cans of corned beef consigned from Belgium through the Port of Boulogne.

In this instance the foodstuffs also arrived without an Official Certificate such as is required by the Regulations. Formal notices forbidding importation were issued in respect of the consignment and the foodstuffs were subsequently re-exported.

